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## 147 Organizations at Anti-War Congress

Militant Program Given Overwhelming Support at Broad Meeting

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 1st.—Delegates from one hundred and forty-seven bay region organizations, together with nine hundred spectators, gathered at Veterans' Memorial Building in Berkeley for the first session of the Bay Region Congress Against War and Fascism, Monday, January 29th. All shades of opinion were represented among the delegates and speakers.

Despite the large number of liberals and pacifists among the sponsors, there was enthusiastic and overwhelming support for a militant working-class policy in opposition to imperialist war. This was made clear when Shoenaker, delegate of the San Francisco local of the International Longshoremen's Assn., introduced a resolution protesting against American war preparations, demanding that all war funds be turned over to the unemployed for unemployment and social insurance, and demanding the abolition of C. M. T. C., R. O. T. C., and the C. C. C. camps, and demanding the immediate cancellation of contracts for war preparations which were let out of the Public Works Funds. This resolution was passed unanimously.

A three-point preliminary program was also adopted. This called for the holding of mass conferences in Oakland and San Francisco and a State Congress Against War and Fascism in April or May. The immediate starting of a broad educational campaign on the causes of war and fascism and the effective ways of fighting them; and the delegation of concrete tasks to the participating organizations and groups.

### Pacifists Exposed

Throughout the conference, the pacifist speakers were exposed in their true role of phrase-mongers with nothing to offer to the elements sincerely opposed to imperialism and to fascism. Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt of Mills College, who gushed about truth and beauty and how the educational system of the bourgeois state could stop war, was thoroughly disgusted and disappointed even the pacifist delegates, and when Harry Jackson, speaking next for the Marine Workers Industrial Union, pointed out how the educators had whipped up chauvinism to support the last world war, he received a tremendous reaction from the delegates. Jackson made it clear that imperialism is the result of the bosses' search for profits, and that the machinery of the capitalist state, educational system included, is the bosses' private property.

The Reverend Lowther of San Francisco urged the delegates to go in for conscientious objection in case of another imperialist war. His speech was received very coldly. But when Rudolph Lambert, speaking for the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League, declared that as a Communist he was going to go into the army, (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

## Ariz. SP Candidate to Congress Jailed on Bank Robbery

"WORLD OWES ME A LIVING", SAYS POLITICAL FAKER

WINSLOW, Ariz., Feb. 1.—Dillworth E. Sumpter, Socialist candidate for Congressman in the election last October, was captured while trying to rob the First National Bank here on Sunday night.

Sumpter, who last fall toured the state and got 7000 farmers, workers and others to vote for him on the plea of helping their conditions, declared in his confession of the robbery that "the world owes me a living". Having failed to get the political job, he sought other means, trying to dig a tunnel under the floor of the bank. Hearing the sound of his sledgehammer against the concrete foundation, a policeman investigated and after a short chase, Sumpter surrendered.

With thousands of workers and farmers on the verge of starvation in this state Sumpter, like other "Socialist" Party leaders elsewhere, made no attempt to help their struggle. Thousands who voted for him as well as other workers and farmers here see as a result of this, the uselessness of following fake leaders.

In the coming elections, the Communist Party candidates will be the only ones standing on the real working-class issues, just as they have been the only ones leading the struggle for better conditions.

## CITRUS STRIKERS IN JAIL BUT NO CHARGE FILED

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 2.—Habeas corpus proceedings are being taken out today for the five workers arrested during the orange strike, against whom no charges have been filed and no bail set. Large delegations of workers from Colton, San Bernardino and Redlands are coming in to the hearing on the writs.

The local N. R. A. Board is holding a hearing on the abolition of the contract system, as a result of the demands of workers during the strike. Workers will demonstrate their opposition to this system, which puts an added burden on the agricultural workers, Sunday morning before the board offices.

## Comrade Harry True of L.A. Dead

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—Workers of Los Angeles today held a Red Funeral for Comrade Harry W. True. Comrade True, until recently the General Secretary of the Trade Union League in this city, was a valiant and loyal fighter in the ranks of labor for more than thirty years. He died as a result of lead-poisoning contracted while slaving under the speed-up of shops where he was employed.

The funeral was held by the TUUL and the Metal Workers Industrial Union.

## Portland Workers Denounce Show of Nazi Picture

FIVE ARRESTED WHILE PICKETING OUTSIDE OF THEATRE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—Five hundred Portland workers responded to a call issued by the Communist Party to protest the showing of the Studio Theatre of the Nazi movie "S. A. Mann Brand", a film of slanders against the Jewish people and the German Communist Party.

Five workers were arrested for carrying banners and many attempts were made by the Portland police department to drive the crowd away and stop the crowd from booing the few people that went in.

A committee of twelve representing the crowd of workers saw manager Ellison, demanding that he immediately stop the picture, pointing out that he had received much response from the Portland workers when he showed Russian pictures, and how he had always said that he was a friend of the workers. He refused to stop the showing of the picture, despite the protest of the many working-class organizations, sympathetic intellectuals and several churches against this picture, and that this picture had been turned down by all other theatres throughout the United States.

The city commissioners and Mayor Carson had sanctioned the picture, over the protest of the censor board who had banned the picture. The Communist Party has sent protests to Governor Meier.

At the trial held Thursday afternoon, the five workers were defended by Irvin Goodman with the courtroom packed with workers. Each one received a five-dollar fine.

The Communist Party called upon the workers to continue the picketing of the theatre, until the picture was stopped. The workers will demonstrate again tonight in front of the theatre.

# Pixley Murderers of Cotton Strikers Freed

## S. F. to Give Cash Relief but Jobless Will Demand Increase

\$3.77 for Family of 2, \$9.45 for 8, Means Starvation

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The city of San Francisco Relief Board voted to give cash relief, beginning about March 5th, in place of the boxes of inferior groceries given now. The plan is for a six-months "experiment". The amount to be paid will vary between \$3.77 for a family of 2 to \$9.45 for a family of eight, per week.

This announcement follows the try-out already made in two sections of the city, to see if it will cost more. The rapidly rising prices of commodities, due to inflation have particularly stimulated the quick decision. On the other hand, the granting of cash relief, the city administration hopes, will help to offset the indignation growing in face of the coming CWA lay-offs, knowing that the workers will refuse to go back on state groceries prescribed by relief "dictations".

Mayor Rossi has further announced that something must be done to make the jobless work for the small pittance given. The Unemployed Councils, while re-

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## 3 JAILED WHILE ORGANIZING AT CARDINET CO.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 4th.—Archie Brown, Joe Stone and Bob Thompson, organizers of the youth section of the Trade Union Unity League were arrested for trying to organize the Cardinet Candy workers last week. Jailed following their talking to a group of workers outside the shop, they were held incommunicado for 21 hours without charges, while the police tried to terrorize them with a concocted story of a plot to blow up the Cardinet factory. Then the police tried to get them to join the A. F. of L., showing union books of their own (proof of how the A. F. of L. fights police terror!)

Fearing a strike against the speed-up Cardinet called his workers in one by one and threatened to fire them if they joined the union. But he was so frightened of a strike that he gave some slight wage increases and tried to stop the rest with promises.

## Meetings All Over State Back Wash. Jobless Congress

DELEGATIONS SENT TO LOCAL CWA AUTHORITIES FOR JOBS CONTINUATION

BULLETIN  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Representative Lundeen, of Minnesota, will introduce in Congress the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill sponsored by the Unemployed Councils. The agreement to introduce the bill followed the action of the City Council of Minneapolis endorsing the bill. It was the result of mass support for it developed since the beginning of the crisis and will make the struggle for a united front much easier.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—While their delegates at the National Convention Against Unemployment in Washington, D. C. were presenting demands for continuation of the CWA jobs at full wages, adequate relief for unemployed and passage of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance bill, hundreds of cities throughout the nation demonstrated in support of the demands.

In this city also, more than 1500 at Marshall Green heard the speakers of the Construction Workers Industrial Union and of the Communist Party. They voted a loud agreement to the demand for restoration of the 39-hour week and rescinding of the government's plan of laying off all the men, beginning with Feb. 15, and to be continued at the rate of half a million a week. The resolutions were sent to Pres. Roosevelt and to the Senators and Congressmen from this section. A delegation then presented the demands to the local CWA authorities.

LOS ANGELES  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—Representatives of several organizations (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

## Frame-Up Attempt of Milk Strikers in L. A. Falls Flat

KIDNAPPING CHARGES ONLY MADE TO GET LEADERS OUT OF STRUGGLE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—Before a courtroom packed with workers, framed-up charges of kidnapping three scab milkers during the dairy workers strike were dismissed against Meyer Baylin and Steve Somers. The hearing was a farce and no evidence was introduced, even of the slightest, to warrant holding the two and in the face of the crowd present Judge McKay was compelled to release them. The arrests had been made in the hope of breaking the strike, Baylin being secretary of the TUUL and Somers secretary of the Milk Section of the Food Workers Industrial Union which was leading the strike.

Elmer Fowler and Dick Raven, however, were ordered to stand trial in superior court on the kidnapping charges. Bail was set at \$2,000. They were held on the uncorroborated identification of the scabs.

## I.L.D. Wins Release For Anacortes Prisoner

LED HUNGRY WORKERS TO TAKE FOOD IN THE STORES

ANACORTES, Wash., Jan. 29.—Mass protest organized under the International Labor Defense has secured the release of Bill Wolertz, one of the two Anacortes prisoners who were jailed as a result of the hunger-raid here one year ago.

At the same time, the I. L. D. forced Governor Martin to promise that Ray Traflet, the other prisoner in the case, would be released February 1st. Both workers were imprisoned six months ago charged with leading 100 unemployed workers into a store to secure food after all relief had been cut off from the Anacortes unemployed. The judge in this case declared that hunger was not an extenuating circumstance to the securing of food.

## DIST. ATTY. STATES HE WILL NOT PROSECUTE PAT CHAMBERS

Dismissal Was Because the Charges Were Groundless, and in Order to Help in White-wash of Ranchers

VISALIA, Cal., Feb. 1.—A jury of ranchers and businessmen today acquitted the eight ranchers on trial for murdering two cotton strikers, Delorez Hernandez and Delfino D. Avila, at Pixley last October. The eight white-washed were E. Kreuger, H. Santens, Smoky Nichols, Hiram May, M. Schlitz, L. Thompson, C. Murray and John Allen. The trial was the rottenest ever seen in the county, as perjury followed perjury in the effort of the defendants to claim that they shot in self-defense, though every eyewitness knows the strikers were unarmed.

## I.L.D. Defending Imperial Valley Strikers Jailed

RELEASE SEVERAL ALREADY; HANCOCK OUT ON BAIL

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Stanley Hancock, arrested with Chambers and Dorothy Ray during the strike has been released on bail raised by the International Labor Defense, along with S. C. Alexander. In Calexico, the Mexican strikers charged with vagrancy were acquitted after jury trial, while in Brawley two Mexican workers, Renterias and Rubalcaba, charged with resisting an officer were dismissed when they proved they were elsewhere at the time. Dixon was found guilty, and the I. L. D. is appealing his sentence.

The workers are standing solid with the I. L. D. despite the pressure of the Mexican Consul who is trying to trick some into pleading guilty. The cooperation of the Consul and the police is clear in the fact that wives of those still in jail are not allowed to see their husbands without an order from the Consul.

The I. L. D. and Attorney Grover Johnson are urging the workers to attend the trials.

## How to Hold a CWA Job

BELLFLOWER, Cal., Feb. 2.—CWA job No. 199 has a cement mixer but can't run it because the CWA refuses to buy gasoline. So every day collections are taken among the workers on the job to buy the gas.

# Communist Party Issues Convention Call; Discussion Opened

The Central Committee has issued the call for the Eighth National Convention of our Party, to meet in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 3rd.

Pointing out that only the Communists led the struggle against the Hoover hunger policy, and now against the "New Deal" attack on the workers and poor farmers, the Central Committee states that the Party membership increased from 7,000 at the 7th convention to 23,000 dues paying members now. The past year resulted in the organization of a fighting trade union movement of 100,000 members in the TUUL and especially has there been an increase in the percentage of native-born and workers from the basic industries.

The Eighth Convention is to meet at a moment when the economic crisis is developing towards a world revolutionary crisis, and faces the problem of placing itself at the head of millions of workers, in order that our Party should be able to lead in the decisive struggles that will put an end to capitalism.

**EIGHT-FOLD GROWTH IN OUR DISTRICT**  
The growth of the Party in District 13 (California, Nevada, Arizona) has been at an even more rapid rate. Since the seventh convention, our dues paying membership in the district has increased eight-fold to more than 2400. Especially during the last year the Party in our district led tens of thousands of workers in strikes, and is recognized among the decisive section of the agricultural workers as their leader. The Party here has proven itself as the chief single factor in forcing relief increases for the unemployed.

Our district convention in reviewing our activity for the past three years will particularly face the task of mobilizing the entire revolutionary movement here, for the greatest effort yet made for organizing struggles in the agricultural fields, to take advantage of the splendid opportunity in the marine industry on the coast, and to build a militant movement among the workers of the other two industries we are concentrating on—railroad and oil. The convention will have to bring sharply to the attention of the workers, the nearness of war and an attack on the Soviet Union, and particularly the role we must play, in view of the Pacific being the actual theatre of war.

In preparation for the convention, a sixty-day discussion has been opened. During the first month the discussion will be based on the Theses of the 13th Plenum of the Communist International (printed in previous issue of the Western Worker). The second month's discussion will be based on the Theses of the Central Committee to be published in the Daily Worker.

**EDUCATION OF ALL MEMBERS**  
The purpose of the discussion is to carry through a thorough

## CONVENTION DATES

National Convention at Cleveland, April 3-8; District Convention at San Francisco March 17; Section Conventions Feb. 24 or 25, or March 3 or 4

### Feb. 24th or 25th Conventions

LOS ANGELES  
EUREKA  
EAST BAY  
SAN JOSE  
MONTEREY  
TULARE  
SACRAMENTO

### March 3rd or 4th Conventions

SAN FRANCISCO  
SONOMA  
CONTRA COSTA  
FRESNO  
MERCED  
BAKERSFIELD  
SAN DIEGO  
NEVADA  
ARIZONA

Section conventions can be held only on the two dates given above. Any section desiring a change must make the proposal to the District Committee immediately. District representatives will be present at all conventions.

examination of our experiences in all struggles in which we participated, and methods of work, with the view of carrying out an educational campaign among all our members, and preparing them for the task facing us. The discussion should not be abstract. We should draw lessons from our own activities and experiences and see how they correspond to the lessons drawn by the Communist International and our Central Committee. We should endeavor to make a constructive critical analyses of our strike and unemployed activity, party and union recruiting, work in mass organizations, fight against fascism and war, and in all other fields of our unit, section and district activity, with the view of proposing improvements and corrections. Only if the discussions are concerned with such questions, guided to turn the attention of our membership to more mass activity and to raising their political level, will we avoid the danger of their becoming drawn out and dry.

### WIDEST FREEDOM FOR DISCUSSION

There should be the widest freedom for discussion in the units, with the section committees only giving guidance, such as will encourage all comrades to participate. Only if all comrades contri-

bute to the Party their best suggestions and sincere criticism, will our conventions truly represent the collective initiative and effort of our entire membership.

In addition to the discussion in the units, special sections in the Daily and Western Worker will be devoted to discussion articles and open to all members. During the first month a half-page will be devoted in the Western Worker. During the second a full-page. Especially those of our comrades who have participated directly in the struggles led by our Party, should take advantage of this opportunity for publishing the lessons for the benefit of our entire Party.

### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION

Representation to the National Convention will be on the basis of one delegate for every 100 members in a district, and elected at the district convention.

Section Conventions elect one delegate for every 25 dues-paying members to the District Convention which will take place on March 17th.

Section Conventions will take place on Feb. 24 or 25, and March 3 or 4. They will be made up of one delegate for every five members in a unit. The conventions must be over in one day.

In the election of delegates chief effort should be towards electing comrades from the shops and fields and such as are most directly engaged in mass work, of whom there should be a majority. Special efforts should be made to get a large number of comrades from the concentration industries and large factories. Furthermore every possible opportunity should be given to Negro and Mexican comrades, Chinese, Japanese and comrades of other nationalities to go as delegates.

Following is the proposed agenda to section conventions. These are only suggestions and subject to amendment by section committee or convention:

- (1) Election of a Chairman.
- (2) Election of Credentials and Resolutions Committees.
- (3) Report of the Section Committee by Section Organizer.
- (4) Discussion on reports.
- (5) Report and vote on Resolutions and Motions proposed by committees.
- (6) Election of Section Committee.

The reports on the various departments of Party work, which covered in the section report, can be supplemented by the comrades in charge during the discussion. The number to be elected on the Section Committee should not be more than 11 for the larger sections.

### FRATERNAL DELEGATES

In addition to the regular delegates, fraternal delegates could be sent from organizations supporting the Party. These have voice but no vote. The Party invites these organizations to help it mobilize all forces for the intense struggles before us.

Only members in good standing will be able to vote for delegates and all members who joined the Party prior to Jan. 1, must have a convention assessment stamp. The apportionment of delegates will be on the basis of average dues payments for the month of December and January.

If all our Party members follow carefully the directives of the discussion issued by our Central Committee, it will prove a splendid opportunity for us to carry through a thorough schooling of our membership, the majority of whom have entered our ranks only recently. It will help to clear away all remnants of capitalist illusions still in our midst, and raise the general political level, that we could advance more rapidly than ever towards becoming the mass party of the workers in the U. S.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT No. 13.







## EAST OF THE ROCKIES

### Peonage Farms Planned

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—Virtual peonage on government-subsidized farms was the dismal outlook for more than a million jobless Americans and their families, according to an announcement today by Harry L. Hopkins, federal relief director. The plan would uproot a million workers and their families considered by the Roosevelt administration to have no prospect whatever of earning a living again, and transplant them in rural communities where they will revert back to a semi-federal state. Lawrence Westbrook, Texas CWA head, is being brought to Washington to head the move.

### Debt Settlement with USSR Near

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Settlement of the 16-year-old czarist Russian debt question, involving counter claims by the Soviet government for American participation in the Siberian expedition, was seen near here today. The parleys, are said to have progressed until an amicable trade policy was said to be the only unsolved problem between the two governments.

### Lynching in Florida

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 1.—Robert Johnson, Negro, was lynched here today by a band of whites who shot him down at 3:15 a. m. while being conveniently "transferred from the city jail." Johnson was arrested last Sunday and had been "partly identified" as the Negro said to have attacked a white woman.

### Rolph to Be Called to Lynch Hearing

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Governor Rolph of California and Governor Ritchie of Maryland have been invited to testify before the sub-committee considering the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynching bill. Both governors have been involved in considerable publicity incident to lynchings in both states. Ritchie by ordering fake investigations and arrests of the lynchings, used considerable more fact than Rolph who openly endorsed the lynchings in San Jose.

### New York Taxi Strike

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 5.—The complete tie-up of taxi service in the city will continue as the mediation efforts of Mayor LaGuardia failed. Twenty thousand taxi drivers are effected.

### General Strike in Illinois Town

CENTRALIA, Ill., Feb. 3.—This town has just emerged out of a general strike that crippled the entire economy of this city of 12,000, but the utility plants and grocery stores. The strike developed when two workers were fired in a shoe factory here, and all workers in the city came out in sympathy.

### New York Hotel Strike Spreads

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Two more large hotels joined the list now tied up by the general strike of hotel workers. The workers are preparing for a huge meeting at Madison Square Garden. Despite the reactionary leaders of the Amalgamated Union, the rank and file is enthusiastically accepting the solidarity of the members of the militant Food Workers Industrial Union.

### Many Chinese at Sacramento Meet

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 1.—Five hundred workers, half of whom were Chinese, unanimously pledged support of Soviet China and sent a resolution to Pres. Roosevelt demanding withdrawal of U. S. warships and marines from China from a mass meeting held Sunday afternoon in the Plaza. The meeting was called by the Chinese Anti-Imperialist League to celebrate the heroic fight of the Shanghai workers against Japanese invasion two years ago. A second meeting was held that evening at 220 Eye St. with 250 present, 100 of whom were Chinese. Just before the meeting police tried to stop it, and arrested Floyd Stevens for selling pamphlets in Chinese of "The Five Year Plan" and "What is the Workers Chinese Red Army." The International Labor Defense defended him.

### CWA Construction Workers' Union In San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 1.—A group of CWA workers met on Saturday night and organized the first group in the Construction Workers Industrial Union and adopted a resolution to demonstrate February 3rd before the local CWA headquarters, at 2nd and Broadway, against CWA wage cuts, reduction of hours, and for continuation of CWA projects after May 1st.

Organizers for eight San Diego CWA projects were elected, and other projects are to be contacted immediately.

## Saw Party Action During Eviction And Joined

### COMMUNISTS SAVE WORKERS HOME: ROOSEVELT MEN CAN DO NOTHING

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—I have just joined the Communist Party. A few weeks ago I saw the Party in action, and that is why I joined. My sister has nine children, and her husband is an invalid. Their home at 11725 Holmes St. in Watts was mortgaged. When the holder of the mortgage threatened to foreclose, they went to the Home Loan Bank and met with the usual delays and buck-passing—perhaps more than the usual amount, because we are Negroes. Then my sister and her husband saw a statement in the newspapers by President Roosevelt saying that if any homeowners were in danger of losing their homes and were not being helped by the Home Loan, they should write to him direct. They wired—three dollars worth. All they got in reply was that the President could do nothing for them. He referred them to a Federal attorney here—who did nothing.

So they were put out into the street in a downpour of rain by the Sheriff, all eleven of them and their belongings, under a piece of canvas.

### Party Stops Eviction

A passing policeman referred them to a Communist Party member who lived near there. He said he would have them back in their house before midnight. When I returned they were all back in the house with their furniture. My sister told me about 150 people had come and moved her back.

My sister is out of the house again, because instead of listening to the advice of the strongest organization in the world, the Communist Party, she listened to the lies of the Federal attorney, the justice of the peace, and a Los Angeles judge, whom she let handle the case when she was threatened with eviction again. I am placing my future in the hands of my Party, the Communist Party. —J. D.

### W.I.R. Organizing Permanent Strike Relief Apparatus

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—At the United Front Conference called by the Workers International Relief last Sunday to plan many mass organization and trade unions, including A. F. of L., were represented. Dr. Klein, W.I.R. organizer, in reporting on the relief work of the past in California strikes, stressed the need of a permanent apparatus for aiding future struggles. The conference voted to set up a permanent strike relief apparatus capable of acting immediately at the call of a strike, to build a permanent strike relief fund and to this year hold a summer camp for adults and children. A committee of ten was elected to act on the proposals, and report progress at the next conference, Sunday, Feb. 25th at 121 Haight St.

## "WILL JESUS WIN THE RACE WITH MARX"

### By Stephen Peacock

Screaming at the top of his inspired voice and mopping his holy brow, the Rev. Julian C. McPheeters of the Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco, with one powerful swoop of his sacred arm, practically abolished Communism, Atheism, the Soviet Government and the Five Year Plan. McPheeters, who raved over the radio against recognition of the Soviet Government, evidently decided his congregation was tired of hearing about the deplorable exploits of Jonah and the whale, Solomon and his wives and Sampson's hair. So, on the night of Jan. 28, he chose to give an informative address on "Christianism and Communism." The learned Julian C. McPheeters, D. D. (Doughnut Digger) proved conclusively he didn't know Karl Marx from Harpo, Groucho, or Hattie, Schaffner and Marx.

### Jazzing Up Christianity

In order to attract a large crowd and a larger collection, Mac advertised his sermon in the press under the sensational sub-heading: "Will Jesus Win the Race With Marx." We feel he would have attracted more customers had he advertised a prize fight instead of merely a foot race. Something like this: "A rip-roaring, smashing, crashing fight to a finish will be staged at the Glide Stadium between Kid Jesus, the Jerusalem Wonder, and Knock-Out Marx, the Bolshevik Terror. Bull McPheeters, promoter of this event of the century, who is the trainer, manager, publicity agent, second, and financial secretary for Kid Jesus, will also referee the bout."

"You may rest assured K. O. Marx will get a square deal." "P. S.—A few ringside seats are still available at reasonable prices." Marx and the Apostles In order to prove that Communism was not practical, McPheeters went right straight to the source of Marxism—the New Testament. He made a slight deviation from Karl Marx to Saint Mark for the benefit of the easy marks. He chose as his text "The Acts of the Apostles." As there are 28 Acts, countless scenes and a huge cast of characters, we cannot put on the whole show in one act. McPheeters described a huge united-front mass meeting that took place in Jerusalem and quoted from Act Four, Scene 31: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul, neither said any of them that aught of the things he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. "Neither was there any among them that lacked; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the

### Marx and the Apostles

feet; and distribution was made unto every man according to his need." McPheeters Smashes Marx Now, this quotation from the bible is obviously a reference to the primitive Communism as preached and practiced by great numbers of the early Christians. They organized little Communies where everything was held in common and no private property owners were permitted. This was probably their practical interpretation of heaven, and these early Christians were fearless fighters who defended their faith in the face of persecution and death. It was the McPheeters of those days who smashed the Communies, transferred heaven into the clouds and made of Christianity a Pie-in-the-Sky religion.

Anyhow, according to McPheeters this is Marxism and he proceeded to prove that this part of the bible was wrong and thus annihilated Communism, wrapped around himself the flag and passionately pleaded for private property and ragged individualism. Ancient Kulaks That the primitive Christians meant business can be interpreted from two Acts of the Apostles which McPheeters decided not to mention. In the very first Act, Scene 18 we read: "Now this man purchased a field with reward of iniquity (exploited labor); and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." Then in Act Five there is the famous story of two Kulaks, Ananias and his wife Sapphira: "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession and kept back part of the price. . . and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land. . . why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? "And Ananias, hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: a playful way of saying that he met a sudden and violent death."

And the same thing happened to Sapphira, who took part in the transaction. This reference to the liquidation of kulaks by the poor, primitive Communist Christians was carefully omitted by McPheeters. Of course, in those days kulaks were liquidated as individuals only. It took the Soviet Union to liquidate kulaks and other profiteers as a class. This, and because they liquidated "preachers" and "meal-tickets" is doubtless the basis of McPheeters' uncompromising hatred of the Communist movement.

### Repent, Ye Bolsheviks!

McPheeters pleaded, "God pity the Communists. They are a lot of deceived people. God pity them." He shouted, threatened and warned, that, unless the people repented of their sins, Marx would win the race with Jesus. It happened that the chief

## Relief Fight On Portland Beach Brings Results

### SEVERAL WORKERS' COMMITTEES WIN GAINS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—The battle the unemployed seamen have been putting up here gained considerable headway in the past week.

The Waterfront Unemployed Council, under the leadership of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, sent a committee to the relief agency with demands for immediate relief. They were told the seamen could stay in the flop house one night and eat three meals in the soup line providing they would saw wood for two hours. This, of course, was refused and another committee was sent. They were told they could stay in the soup line for one week but the committee stood firm for a hotel and a restaurant, both to be selected by the seamen. A third committee was informed that they could eat in the soup line indefinitely but that was all.

### Win Hotel Rooms, Clothes

Then a joint committee of the Unemployed Council and the M. W. I. U. went to the state supervisor of relief and at this meeting won the hotel they had demanded and all clothes necessary for the protection of seamen on the beach.

The question of meals is still in the air but we have been promised a satisfactory answer to this within the next ten days. If this answer isn't that we wait they will find that the old fight hasn't been started yet. At the meeting in our hall tonight an I. S. U. member came in. He had been refused admittance to the doctor at the relief bureau and asked our help. A committee took him to the doctor. When they saw the committee they were very careful not to insult them and gave the man careful attention and the medicine that he required.

### Deputy, Thug on CWA Job at \$1.10

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—The gang boss on CWA gang No. 39 who answers to the name of Murphy, (but his real name is Dick Kern) brags that he is working at night as deputy against the milkers strike. As CWA boss he gets \$1.10 an hour, and is not supposed to be holding any other job. He is an open red-baiter and carries a gun, which he declares is for any Communists on the job. —CWA Worker Correspondent.

way to atone for your sins and to save the world from Bolshevism was to liberally decorate the collection plate. McPheeters shook a threatening finger under the nose of a frightened little bourgeois who had only put a dime into the plate, while the congregation sang: "If you want to keep from sin, Drop your little nickels in . . ."

## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

### Boast of Advance in Arms

MONTREAL, Canada, Feb. 1.—A bullet which may be sent by a rifle through the plated sides of an army tank, a more efficient spike bayonet which will penetrate winter clothing and development of a sure method of attaching the bayonet and grenade discharger, were some of the modern machines of war devised by imperialist munitions manufacturers to butcher workers described by Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, chief of the general staff to officers of the Canadian Grenadier Guards last night.

### Cuba Follows U. S. Lynch Law

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 29.—Disturbances continued throughout the island today as the men organized by U. S. Cuban government, is whipping up an anti-Negro movement, as a means for breaking up the united front of the workers. While soldiers and police looked on, refusing to check the disorders in Trinidad and Santa Clara Provinces, the whites sacked several stores owned by Negroes and chased most of the Negroes out of the city.

One Negro was lynched and several whites injured in the fighting. Then thousand sugar workers struck throughout the island today according to estimates of the secretary of interior. Sugar mills in Oriente and Camaguey provinces have been closed by the strike just as the 1934 grinding season was getting into full swing.

At Havana, Camaguey, Santiago and other principal cities the workers of the American-owned Cuban Electric Company went on strike in protest against the government turning the plants back to the American imperialists. The plants had been taken over by the government to break previous strikes. Street car and bus workers came out in sympathy with the electrical workers.

### Japan Troops Moving Closer

TOKYO, Japan, Feb. 1.—At the same time that General Senjuro Hayashi, Japanese war minister, was issuing a statement trying to "blame" the Soviet Union for the intense war situation existing between the two countries, Japanese infantry and auxiliary military forces of the Japanese puppet state of Manchukuo were approaching the Soviet border. Dispatches from Hsinking (Changchun) stated that three large columns of Japanese infantry were involved in the operations ostensibly to "curb bandit activities" in the region.

### New Governor for War Base

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 1.—Joseph B. Poindexter, Democratic politician for 17 years in Hawaii was Roosevelt's choice to assume gubernatorial authority in the island in the approaching crisis in the Pacific. The new governor will succeed Lawrence M. Judd, a 1929 appointee of Hoover.

### USSR Balloonists Reached 14 Miles

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 2.—With Joseph Stalin leading the procession, the bodies of the three Soviet balloonists who met their death after breaking all altitude records in their ascent into the stratosphere early this week was laid to rest in the Kremlin wall facing Red Square today.

According to recording instruments found intact, the balloonists reached a height of approximately 14 miles. The three young men, Pavel Fedosenko, Andrey Vassenko and Ilya Ussyskin, made their ascent as a gift to the 17th All-Union Party Congress now in session. No prior announcement had been made of the flight. As the balloon left the field one of the men shouted through a port-hole to the crowd gathered to see the ascension "Long live the world revolution!" "Long live the 17th Party Congress."

The Order of Lenin, highest honor accorded by the Soviet government, was awarded posthumously to the trio.

### England Backs Anti-Soviet Powers

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 2.—Speaking in behalf of the Presidium of the Communist International, at the Soviet Party Congress, Manuilsky charged that England is quietly backing Germany and Japan against the Soviet Union, and is hoping to bring about early peace between Germany and France for a United Front against the Soviet Union.

"Thus in the international arena," he said, "we face a war among the Imperialists, while simultaneously there are feverish preparations for a war against the USSR."

### Nazis Murder Four Communists

POTSDAM, Germany, Feb. 2.—Another of the almost daily Nazi atrocities occurred here today when police officers murdered in cold blood four Communists who were being taken from Berlin to Potsdam. The four workers, John Scheer, Erick Setinfurth, Eugen Schoenhauer and Rudolph Schwarz, were shot down by the officers who gave the usual reason that the four "had made a break for liberty" from the truck on which they were being transported.

## Urges Pacific Coast Salmon Fishermen Unite

### F & CWIU TO LEAD FIGHT AGAINST LOW PAY OF LAST SEASON

EUREKA, Cal., Feb. 1.—Last year the California salmon fishermen received only 5c to 7c a pound. This miserable price gave the fish companies an enormous profit, especially on mild cure salmon. Some companies cleared, above costs, \$110 per tierce (a tierce means 1100 lbs. of round fish).

This year the salmon fishermen of the Pacific Coast have an excellent chance to get better prices, as there is no cold storage salmon or mild cure salmon in storage anywhere on the coast. The market is empty except for canned salmon. Such a condition has not existed for the last five years, and the fish-buyers can not use as an excuse for low prices the claim of having plenty in storage. But these better prices will only be won by a strong organized struggle.

Supplies Cost More Last year's price will be even lower with money inflated and the increased cost of fishermen's supplies. For instance, cotton line is 7c to 7.5c where last year it was 3.5c; oilskins are \$7.50 a suit, a 50% increase over last year.

The Fishermen's and Cannery Workers Industrial Union is leading the fight of the fishermen of the Pacific Coast, and only by uniting its strength will we win a decent price. —C. W.

### Eureka Youth Club Organized

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 15.—The second meeting of the Sledge and Wedge club, a youth organization similar to the Frisco Zig-Zag Club, took place here today with 15 present. We found it difficult to get these youth in the YCL, direct, but we are interesting them in the League through this club. Meanwhile we are reorganizing the YCL, calling all our former members together, and we want you to know that as far as the League goes, Eureka is still on the map.

## Speedup, Wage Cuts at Consolidated Steel Co.

### NEED FOR UNION SHOWN AS RESULTS OF NRA-HIT WORKERS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—The Consolidated Steel Corp. plant here is one of the largest steel fabricating plants on this coast and the first to fly the blue buzzard. We used to get paid 70c to 85c per hour and work 8 to 9 hours per day before the N. R. A. went into effect. Now our pay is cut down to 50c to 65c per hour and under the steel code are only allowed to work not more than 35 hours in any one week. To make the pay slash worse the Con. classed 70% of the workers as helpers or laborers and pays these workers the minimum scale of 40c to 46c per hour. This means that the majority of the workers at the plant receive \$14 to \$15.75 per week.

### Hit the Ball or Get Fired!

The Consolidated hires a few workers every day or two. After the first days work the fastest workers are told to come back next day and the rest are fired. The workers kept are subjected to the terrific speed-up in effect in the Con. plant, which will wear out the best of workers. As soon as a worker slows up he is fired and is replaced by a new fresh worker. This constant turnover of men in one of the most dangerous of industries results in a large number of serious accidents. Workers are injured nearly every day in this effort of the bosses to speed up the work and make as much profit as possible under the protection of the blue eagle. All safety rules are disregarded to speed up the production.

To fight against these conditions workers of Consolidated Steel and other steel shops should build up a strong local of the Steel & Metal Workers Industrial Union. The union accepts for membership all workers of all crafts of the metal working trade, as well as all helpers and laborers in the metal industries regardless of race, color or political opinion. Meetings are at the Labor Unity Hall, 546 So. Los Angeles St. on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. —Steel Worker.

## World Events and Western Workers

By Geo. Morris

### Who Pays for the Two Billions — The Down Payment for the Coming War — Comrade Stalin Speaks — Draws the Balance Since the Crisis Began — 291% Rise Since 1913.

#### Stalin, Our Leader

alist war, and for a workers and farmers government.

#### Our Leader Speaks

The best treat this week for workers and thinking people, is the speech of Comrade Stalin at the Congress of our Party in the Soviet Union. While Comrade Stalin does not make speeches very often, he certainly makes up for that when he does. Yet, as in the case of the last one, there isn't a sentence that one could miss. It is chock full of facts and careful analyses that makes it a handbook to solving the present International and Soviet Union problems. We feel sure that no class-conscious worker will fail to read it. The speech is already published in the January 29th issue of the Daily Worker. But while you are waiting for the first opportunity to read it, we will give you some facts from just a tiny part of it.

Comrade Stalin comparing industrial production in 1933 with 1929 gives us the following figures taken from official sources: In the Soviet Union it stood at 201.6%; in the U. S. at 64.9%; in France at 77.4%; in Great Britain at 86.1%; in Germany at 65.8%.

If we take the position of each of these countries in comparison with 1913, we get:

USSR—1929 1931 1932 1933  
U.S.A.—1913 1914 1915 1916  
England 99.1 83 82.5 85.2  
Germany 113.0 81 67.6 75.4  
France 139.0 124 96.1 107.6  
1913—100% for all countries.

291.9% increase! And don't forget they do not include in Soviet industrial activity, electric power, metal, paper, and all else wasted for advertisement, the building of fancy yachts, mansions, and similar luxuries for a lot of parasites, or bank buildings, and such other institutions made necessary only by the capitalist system.

Summarizing some of the achievements he tells us that: Growth of national income in

skinned by a mile. It should be clear to everyone that even where the NRA did effect an increase in wages, it was far out-balanced by the diminishing purchasing power.

For instance, the City of San Francisco is kind enough to vote cash relief. That sounds nice but when the family of two getting \$3.77 per week, to a family of 8 getting a little over \$9.00 per week, try to buy their needs they'll find out more of the Roosevelt economics than the best of the brain-trusters can tell them.

Then as if to have his little joke on those who suffer from this plan, through the medium of the movie newsreels, Secretary of the Treasury, Morgenthau states, "Don't worry, you will still get 100 cents out of every dollar." What the government is doing is shortchanging on provisions of clothing and other necessities of life and then tries to wise-crack its way into good spirits with you.

Of course part of the baloney that goes with the scheme, is that higher prices will make business more profitable. That will give birth to more jobs. But how can the purchasing power be raised if the real wages of the chief buyers, the workers, are declining? This is the chief contradiction that capitalism cannot and will not solve.

#### War Preparation

However, this is not yet the whole story by a long shot. What's the two billion for, anyway? Remember, there are no provisions of the expenditure of this fund. This is left to the discretion of the president. Likewise it should be noticed that of all the suggestions on how to find money to extend the CWA loans, not one of the "brain trusters" or officials have yet advised that this fund be drawn upon.

The reason is that this fund is to be a reserve, to take care of the initial expense needed the minute a war breaks out, and from all indications it may be needed any moment. Two bil-



Comrade Stalin in a four-hour speech delivered a masterly analyses of the situation in the world, and Soviet Union.

lion is only a down payment on a war, but it is enough until the people are whipped up (if they can) for "Liberty Bonds" and such other means of paying for the whole slaughter.

Will any of it be used to pay for the big navy program that was just decided on? That comes out of the "Public" Works Fund, and the regular budget allotments.

Some smart politician will tell us that the inflation move will give American goods an advantage on the foreign markets, and perhaps increase the exports. But that only brings us to the same point, its coming to grips sooner with the competing imperialist powers over ever-narrowing markets.

So stripped of its baloney cloak, the scheme is—more profits for the bosses, less real wages for the workers, and preparation for war.

If you see it, and if you are not in the habit of taking things laying down, then join the Communist Party, that's the only force that fights against imper-









Washington, D. C. scientists have gassed out the flocks of starlings who made their nests in the capitol building. After years of exposure to hot-air congressmen and senators, the birds were so tough that cyanide gas had to be used.

The extermination was attempted because the congressmen complained the birds did nothing useful and only made a lot of noise.

#### BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"1934 will be a good year for everyone who works." —Henry Ford.

#### HITTING HITLER!

For several months the Hitler papers carried on a propaganda campaign soliciting money for "the starving Germans in Soviet Russia." At last the funds were sent to Germans in the Volga. And they, surprised and declaring they were not starving, sent the money to German refugees living abroad.

#### CAUSE AND EFFECT—

The royal family of England all expressed themselves some while ago as watching with interest the progressive Roosevelt program. Now at last they have followed suit. Not with pick and shovels. Dear no! But the Prince of Wales, Queen Mary and the Duke of York and family have personally taken up embroidery.

"Birth Control Action To Be Left to Congress," says the S. F. News. And now we expect a big uproar from the defenders of liberty on the claim that this is an infringement of American individualism.

Guizot Borglum, famous sculptor, wants the CWA to paint scenes of fairy tales on school walls. Don't they get enough of that already?

#### OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS—

"Schools don't have as many good pictures as millionaires' stables," says this giant of capitalist culture.

Sign in S. F. street cars:

"Employees now get 55% of ANY profits we can make."

How much do you think that will be? And what would happen to a motorman who asked to see the books?

#### WHAT, THE MILLENNIUM?

Sacramento built arrested Chinese workers selling revolutionary literature and booked them for "selling food without a license." Can it be that the millennium is approaching and cops are getting smart—smart enough to recognize that the pamphlets ARE "food for thought"?

#### Imperial Valley Terror Continues

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 1.—Imperial Valley terror is not over. Heron Palacio and a midwife, Carmen Heine, were picked up Saturday morning by the police and immigration officials in Brawley. Palacio was railroaded to jail for 25 days in less than an hour after his arrest, while his wife, now pregnant, and her 20-month old baby were left to starve. The police entered and searched the house without any search warrant and confiscated 3,000 letters and several hundred "Lucha Obrera's."

Carmen Heine explained that she was nursing the sick woman and was later released. Judge Griffin declared that the ranchers and growers had to put their "feet down" or else there would be a revolution. He said that the workers were getting 22¢ an hour, thus letting out of the bag the fact that those workers who are getting only 10¢ and 12¢ are actually being fleeced of the difference, which is pocketed by the contractors.

#### S. F. Cash Relief

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garding the granting of cash, and for the right of jobs to choose their food, as a step forward, nevertheless points to the fact that there have been no rent, gas and light provisions, for which if given the jobless must fight bitterly and that the increasing prices make the allowance really last for about two days.

The chief fight now will be for adequate cash relief, and that whatever labor is performed should be paid for at union scales.

#### CORRECTION

In the song "RISEN FROM WOE" printed in the last issue, an error appeared in the second stanza, where one of the lines was omitted:

Correctly, the complete stanza reads:  
Age-long torture opened our eyes,  
Death-stained years we've shed;  
Murder's vengeance stifled our cries;  
Smote, mocked our dead.  
Never safe, we trembled with fear,  
Bore our heartaches year after year.  
Now we know the road that is ours,  
Hail Soviet pow'rs!

#### Special East Bay Issue Next Week!

Next week will be a Special East Bay Edition of the Western Worker, containing a full page of news of shops, unemployed and other struggles of Oakland, Berkeley and other East Bay cities.

Make arrangements for mass distribution and sale. Order extra bundles thru Workers Center, 645-22nd St., Oakland, Cal.

#### Poultry Farmer Shows How Fake Co-op Skins Him

ONLY SALARIED PARASITES GET BENEFIT OF THE ORGANIZATION

ROCKLIN, Cal., Feb. 1.—I joined the Poultry Producers of Central California just a month ago and in this short time I have found out what a bunch of grafters they are. It cost me \$10 to join and their contract has got me hooked for two years.

I have my eggs shipped to Sacramento where they are graded into eight classes—and it is always the poorest class price that they pay us poultrymen. But when the PPOC sells eggs they are sold in three classes,—large, medium and small.

One poultryman had them checked-up on by having a stranger go to Sacramento and buy a case of 18 eggs. Then he brought these eggs to the poultryman and he shipped them right back to the PPOC grading station in Sacramento. When this poultryman got his check for this test box, there was not a single \$1 egg credited. The test box cost \$6.00 and when he got paid for them he only got \$3.42—a difference of \$2.58.

Then he paid the grading station a visit. He was surprised to see all the well-paid parasites doing nothing but drawing time. The egg graders were young, inexperienced girls who know nothing about eggs, but we have to take their figures.

The PPOC say they are a poultrymen's co-operative union and get the farmers good egg prices and low feed prices. But they do the opposite. They even lipped one over on all members by not paying a dividend for feed and feedstuffs last year.

It's about time we members get together and take control of the PPOC and strike for better egg prices and lower feed costs.

—Poultry Farmer.

#### Anti-War Congress

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in the next imperialist war, and urge the workers to turn their weapons against their class enemies, he received the greatest ovation of the entire evening.

John D. Barry, the chairman, had written an article a few days previously urging war preparations, giving pacifist reasons. George Maurer, speaking for the International Labor Defense, pointed out that this policy was merely helping the Wall Street imperialists to rally the support of these opposed war and profits.

The showing of the Soviet film masterpiece, "The Patriots," that brought out clearly the relationship between war and profits and the only way in which the workers can combat imperialism, was concluded the program. After seeing this picture, many of the delegates had a still clearer idea of the reasons why Comrade Lambert urged class-conscious workers to go into the army in the next imperialist war.

#### Liberals Won

It was noticeable that whereas the leaders of the bourgeois liberal and pacifist groups had little to offer in the way of a program, that their followers were not hostile to the program of struggle of the workers, but indicated their willingness to join with the workers. Many sincere elements were brought into contact with the workers' program for the first time, and they intend to stick with the mass opposition which is being "ganized."

As a result of this congress, a genuine organized mass opposition has been initiated. In his keynote speech, convener John M. Weatherwax had called for mass opposition "rooted in the working class, in alliance with the farmers, professionals, intellectuals, and all who hate war." This movement will be continued by means of a mass meeting in Oakland in February, a mass conference in San Francisco on March 30, at which J. B. Matthews, chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism, will speak, and at a State conference which will be called with the next two months. Delegates attended from San Mateo, San Jose, Palo Alto, Richmond, and other outlying cities, as well as from Oakland, Berkeley, Piedmont, Alameda, and San Francisco. Substantial representation from trade unions, student and religious groups, and anti-war organizations made the entire congress representative of all the elements ready to struggle against war and fascism.

## Give Now... Help Defeat Hunger, Fascism and Imperialist War or, You Will Give Later of Your Life and Homes to a Fascist Terrorist Regime!

Don't skimp on a few dollars. You have never made a better investment. You can't beat the class struggle. If you will not fight, your enemies will. You are not escaping by doing nothing, you are only surrendering. And the price of surrender is Fascism!

So, FIGHT!! Make your contribution to the WAR CHEST!

SUBSCRIBE and GET SUBSCRIBERS!

This is Midway in the Drive —

One-half the Time Has Expired!!

Total WAR CHEST

\$3,179.62

\$1820.38

Total Western Worker Army

769 subscribers

2,231 subscribers

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## HONOR ROLL—

WAR CHEST:

	Current Week	Total
SAN FRANCISCO: Unit 9 Raffle	4.30	
Unit 14 Affair	7.17	
Unit 29 Collection	2.10	
Comrade J. S.	1.00	
B. B. J. Waterfront	12.33	
Unit 5 House Party	5.40	
Unit 10 Bazaar Income	8.41	
Unit 24 Bazaar Income	6.02	
Mission Section Bazaar Income	5.77	
Fillmore Section Bazaar Income	16.30	
North Beach Bazaar Income	2.32	
Friend	.50	\$66.52
EAST BAY: Br. 666, Intl. Wrks. Order	3.00	
Collections Unit 1	2.65	
Unit 2	1.00	
Unit 6	1.45	\$ 8.10
LOS ANGELES: Lenin Memorial, Hollywood	3.05	
A comrade	.19	
Unit 8A	.75	
Unit 20B Collection List	4.50	
San Pedro movie showing	15.35	
Unit 1A	2.15	\$25.99
SACRAMENTO: Collections	2.61	
Chico C. P. Unit	5.00	\$ 7.61
TULARE: Porterville movie showing	2.59	
Tulare movie showing	2.08	\$ 4.67
TOTAL FOR CURRENT WEEK		\$112.63

HALF - TIME FOR THE DRIVE—

San Francisco	\$1325.58
Los Angeles	1088.42
Sacramento	114.11
East Bay	81.76
Sonoma	46.40
Eureka	46.00
Fresno	25.90
San Jose	19.60
Monterey	16.84
San Diego	15.00
Contra Costa	14.65
Tulare	14.37
Marin	10.00
District No. 12	9.06
Arizona	5.00
Hawaii	3.00
District No. 19	2.50
Nevada	1.10
Bakersfield	
Freiheit	340.33
Total Raised	\$3179.62
Additional to raise by Mar 19	\$1820.38

SUBSCRIBERS' ARMY—

	List of week Feb. 2:	Total
San Francisco	17	161
Los Angeles	52	273
East Bay	15	80
Fresno	2	8
San Jose	18	9
Monterey		
Tulare	7	15
Petaluma		5
Sacramento	7	54
Sonoma		3
Eureka		9
San Diego	2	24
Arizona	1	3
District No. 12	6	28
Nevada		6
Miscellaneous		16
TOTAL	113	763

## WITH OUR ORGANIZATIONS

WE MUST IMPROVE OUR WORK AMONG THE FOREIGN - BORN!

By Mini Carson

One of the main sources of strength for the ruling class is their clever splitting up of the workers. Negro and white, foreign born against native born and even one foreign born worker against another. Because of this division in the ranks of the workers, the foreign born have been subjected to severe exploitation, discrimination in relief, reorganization, deportation, etc. Every aid is being given to fascist and social-fascist organizations in various languages to keep the foreign-born under their ideological.

Because of this, it is of the greatest importance for the Party that better attention be given to activity among foreign-born. This importance is even increased by the fact that in such important industries as marine, agriculture, transportation, food, etc., there is a great percentage of foreign-born workers.

Our language work carries with it two main divisions. First, it is necessary to carry on persistent fraction work in all bourgeois and reformist organizations. Secondly, and one we will discuss now, is our leadership in those organizations under the leadership of the Party. This work suffers from a number of defects and uncertainty:

#### Must Guide

1.—A mechanical control over these organizations by party leadership results in giving orders instead of political guidance. Such a method can only destroy, not build. It is important to know how to establish the proper relationship between party organs on the one hand and the non-party workers. We must be able to coordinate the job of leadership with real democracy. We cannot win the confidence of these workers by dictation or mechanical control. It is true, of course, that we want to bring these organizations into the closest relations with the Party, but only by proper work can we convince them to regard the political guidance of the Party as their own leadership.

2.—Many comrades have the wrong approach to these language organizations, and do not treat them as political bodies, but as organizations to reach important sections of the workers, but as special made sources to get financial aid. The movement needs these organizations and the Party must recognize their political importance.

3.—There is a lack of inner democracy within these organizations. This is a direct result of some of the bad methods used by the Party in leading them.

No preparations are made before action is taken. For example, if the organization is to send delegates to an important conference, the organization is thus informed and solely upon the order, with no real political explanation by our Party members, the action is put through. Or, Western Worker fund through are set. In most cases, without a real discussion of why that particular organization should raise funds for the Western Worker, such an order is mechanically carried thru, and then the result may be a failure in raising the quota. Inner democracy does not mean, however, that we allow enemies of the workingclass to join or to remain in these organizations. We must learn to distinguish these from honest workers, who criticize or misunderstand our activity with honest intentions. On the other hand we must foster the widest kind of democracy and encourage every initiative from non-party members in the organization.

#### Wide Recruiting

4.—Narrowness and isolation. Our language organizations have in the main not involved their members or the workers in their language in the daily struggles, have not reached out to bring in the workers from our concentration points, or made these

organizations agents for building the revolutionary trade unions. In recruiting new members into these organizations, we can penetrate the most conservative elements. These organizations are political, cultural and educational and must have their doors wide open to members who are not yet class-conscious, without hesitation.

5.—A lack of systematic fraction work. Because this work does not seem important, the organization and direction of fractions in them is very often neglected. There is no check-up on activities of party members in them and in many cases work in them is not even considered as mass work. In carrying thru our fraction work well, we insure the prominence of proletarian conceptions in the every activity of these organizations.

How can we improve our activity in this important field?

#### How to Improve

By making our organizations instruments for reaching the workers in the basic industries. To win the foreign-born workers to participate in our struggles on the basis of the very purposes of their organization—protection of foreign-born, benefits, against discrimination, etc.

By the paying of serious attention to the youth and children in various nationalities,

thru building of youth clubs and childrens groups, etc.

By carrying on of continuous educational work, thru classes, open forums, etc.

By the popularization of our language press in 22 languages, and the writing of articles and developing workers correspondence for these papers.

By the serious establishment of functioning guiding party fractions with some comrades given the job as their main responsibility. And a close check of this activity by the Section Committees. Recruiting for the Party must be made the CONSTANT job of these fractions.

Our language organizations grow directly out of the economic and cultural need of the foreign-born workers. And the needs should supply us with the issues around which these foreign-born can be organized. We have to end the separation of our foreign language organizations from the general workingclass movement. That does not mean we insist that they "Americanize" in the boss sense, that they must speak the English language, etc., but it does mean that we have to make them conscious of the problems of the American workers as a whole and fit them into the struggle for the solution of these problems, thus effecting a real unity of the workers.



## WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

U. of C. Students in Anti-Drill Fight

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 1.—Taking action on the sentiment of the students of the University of California, the Executive Committee of the student body urged the Board of Regents to act at once to abolish compulsory military training. All first and second year students are forced to take military drill.

The Regents, a board appointed by Gov. Rolph, decided they would have to consider the matter until their next meeting. So they told Pres. Sproul to investigate as to the strength of this movement. With this answer, obviously intended only to delay and split up the student movement, many of the "big shot" students are satisfied. They are satisfied to play along with the President of the University, confident of his spirit of fair play. This President Sproul is the same one that while mouthing phrases about freedom, refuses to allow radical students to even hold meetings on the campus. This is the same President Sproul who, in order that the students may "hear the side of labor" invites such labor fakers as Mr. Frank MacDonald, who tried to break the cotton strike, and Paul Scharenberg.

But there are a large number of students who are willing to carry this campaign through until it is won. Not many realize the part military training plays in the imperialist policy of the United States, but it is the duty of those class-conscious students of the National Students League who are aware of the significance of this whole "preparedness" program to educate these students. It is the duty also of the National Students League to show the students the only way that they can succeed in winning this fight against militarism is by mass pressure of the students. Mass refusals to drill, and by a thorough organization of the students on this issue.

—A. C.

#### I. A. Youth Drill—Prepare to Fight Fascist Hoodlums

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—A drill was held in Los Angeles at Exposition Park Sunday Jan. 28. 160 youth were present (outsiders as well as league members). We had drilled for half an hour when we saw the "Red Squad" conversing with park officials. When they were through speaking the officials came over and told us we were "mouthing the gas" (The "intelligence" Squad could not think of any other excuse than that to try to make us "scram").

We thought that if we divided off into groups of less than 25 we'd be able to march but that didn't work. The officials came and said we could not march. Whereupon, we all went to the playground and rounded out the day with baseball, basket and volley ball.

The section and sub-section have already planned for future drills.

#### National Debating Champion Will Take Workers Side

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Serri Gerber, national Junior College Debating Champion, will show that in the wake of hastening national recovery, the administration is rapidly preparing the country for war. Kenneth Jampol, winner of the oratorical contest of the World Friendship Clubs of Los Angeles, will discuss the President's peace declarations and moves.

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## Editorial Column

### Workers! Demand the Right to Defend Yourselves!

The eight who participated in the Pixley massacre of cotton strikers this fall have been acquitted by a jury made up of their fellow growers. The prosecution was, of course, a fake, conducted by their agent in the government, District Attorney Haight.

In Arvin, where a similar massacre took place, the murderers are free, while workers were given jail sentences. Being fully aware of the indignation that such verdicts would arouse, District Attorney Haight declared in a big-hearted fashion that he will not prosecute Pat Chambers when his second trial is opened, but will ask for dismissal. As a matter of fact, what Haight is doing is only handing Chambers over to the Imperial Valley lynchers, where he knows a trial for leading the lettuce workers is awaiting him.

Now we can see the reason that so little publicity was given to the proceedings of the trial of the Pixley murders. It was in order that the testimony of even the limited number of witnesses permitted, should not be heard of; so that the average person should not know that the growers virtually admitted their guilt, pleading self-defense. Yet everyone knows that the workers were unarmed while the growers were.

#### RIGHTS FOR WORKERS ONLY MOCKERY

The verdict plainly shows that the government recognizes the right of the employers to murder, beat and jail the workers, and calls that self-defense. But if workers take any step towards organization, they are prosecuted for Criminal Syndicalism, inciting to riot or vagrancy.

If anyone still has any illusions about the rights of workers to organize, the story of the Imperial Valley terror printed in this issue, should wipe them out completely. The government officials together with the most "responsible" citizens, openly organized a lynching party against the workers and even against liberals who came to see for themselves if the terror stories of Imperial Valley are really true.

The "Imperial Valley Press", organ of the growers, in its January 24 editorial says the following, in reference to the kidnapping of Wirin, attorney for the strikers:

"Last night's action was not the work of an irresponsible mob. From all accounts those who acted in Brawley and El Centro were chiefly business men who have borne the brunt of the burden and have seen their business become stagnant through the activities of outside agitators."

#### ADMIT WORKERS RESPONDED

The violation of the workers rights to organize is openly raised to the status of a highly responsible task, while the "outside agitators" are made the target. In the same editorial it is admitted that all business has been brought to a standstill with the strike, that is that 5,000 were out on strike.

There are many people who place their confidence in the federal government, and regard terror as only a condition in certain bad spots. But Attorney Wirin was kidnapped and run out of the county, with a Federal injunction in his pocket restraining the lynchers interfering in the scheduled meeting. Rolph's state highway patrolmen, as in all previous strikes lent direct aid in carrying through the outrages.

Neither the Federal nor State government will ever interfere in any situation to aid the workers, but they will come in with lightning speed if local terrorists are too weak to break a strike.

#### THE SAME POLICY ALSO IN CITIES

Not only in the agricultural fields, but also in the cities, do we witness the same policy. The latest example is the dairy workers' strike in Los Angeles. Not only were there mass arrests and beatings by the "Red Squad" but the office of the union was raided by Legionnaires, and Silver Shirt hoodlums, who assisted the police. The leaders were arrested, and office equipment was smashed or seized.

Since CWA workers formed the Construction Workers Industrial Union, the capitalist press and government officials have been screaming for violence against the "reds". The San Francisco Chronicle greeted the raid of CWA thugs on the Sacramento Communist headquarters with headlines, in an effort to whip up similar action everywhere.

Side by side with this terror policy, is development of Silver Shirt and similar fascist gangs, who help in attacks against the workers to a greater degree than ever. The government is not hindering their activities. On the contrary, as in Los Angeles during the milk strike, they are being deputized for strikebreaking.

#### MUST DEMAND THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE

In face of such a situation, for the workers to only insist that the government enforce the right to organize and meet, is futile and inadequate.

IN ALL THOSE PARTS WHERE THE RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS ARE DISREGARDED, THE WORKERS SHOULD DEMAND THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS AND DEFEND THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. IF THE U. S. LAWS REALLY RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE, THEN LET US SEE IF THAT RIGHT ALSO EXISTS FOR THE WORKERS.

If the fascist hoodlums will see themselves faced with an organized defense, they will not dare to attempt violence. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO STOP VIOLENCE. It will hold in check the very ones who are armed and always instigate it.

If the workers would have a defense organized, the gangs in Imperial Valley, uniformed or otherwise, would not dare to attack the workers mass meetings, and their wives and children there, as they did in Brawley and El Centro.

If the workers were always guarding their halls, a band of CWA foremen would not dare to attempt an attack as they did in Sacramento.

WE ARE NOT DEMANDING ANY MORE THAN EVEN THE U. S. LAWS PERMIT. IF WE DEMAND THE RIGHT TO DEFEND OURSELVES! AND WE WILL!!

## Challenge to Socialist Competition!

One of the important methods in shop concentration is to get the workers to become regular readers of our papers, particularly the Western Worker. As we had an excellent response to the 1800 copies of the Daily Worker distributed at 11 shop gates, Contra Costa Section proposes to distribute 2000 copies of the Feb. 27th Western Worker to these same, and other, plants.

Contra Costa issues a challenge for socialist competition to all sections selling the Western Worker, on three scores:

1.—Which section takes the largest number of this "shop issue" of the Western Worker.

2.—Which section distributes to the largest number of shop workers.

3.—Which section sends in the most shop articles.

The staff of the Western Worker has already promised us half a page for shop news from our section. Let's see if all together we can't get 2 pages of shop news!

We consider this a definite part of our campaign for subs and cash for the Western Worker. We will make a special appeal to shop workers to send in their subs and contributions. We can have subscription blanks (which will give us some contacts as well).

Comrades! Let us hear, through the Western Worker, who will accept our challenge to carry our Western Worker campaign to the shops, as the Bolsheviks always did with their campaigns!

## HAVE YOU SIGNED? DO IT NOW!



## Imperial Valley and Liberal Illusions

### Liberals Find That Even Federal Writ Cannot Protect Workers Rights

EDITOR'S NOTE — We are glad to announce that Comrade Roy T. Layton has joined our staff of contributors. Old-timers will remember that as star reporter for the "Appeal to Reason", he was the only labor reporter that got the inside story of the Cripple Creek strike, and exposed the facts. He was for a long time a writer for the American Guardian, and American Freeman, but now has given up these socialist-fascist sheets.

By Roy T. Layton

A clever lawyer and a genial gentleman is A. L. Wirin, Los Angeles attorney, whose recent kidnapping experiences in the Imperial Valley are a matter of nation-wide comment. He is an outspoken liberal whose heart beats in sympathy for the poor and oppressed, and on numerous occasions he has defended in court workingclass victims of capitalist oppression. Since the departure of Leo Gallagher for Europe, Wirin has acted as an attorney for the International Labor Defense.

Unlike Gallagher, who understands the fundamentals of capitalism and the class struggle, and so goes direct to the heart of the issues involved when workers are arraigned in court, Wirin, blessed with the inepties of legal procedure and anxious to observe the amenities thereof, exercises his ingenuity and urbanity by presenting his cases by siege and parallel. That is, whereas Gallagher is blunt, in his directness, Wirin endeavors to win the interest of the court with soft words and a pleasant smile. Where Gallagher knows that capitalist courts are stacked against the worker, and acts accordingly, Wirin really believes (or did until within the week) that justice still can be procured in court provided the lawyer observes the rules of the game.

#### Liberal Illusions

"I admit I was naive when I believed I could go into the Imperial Valley and defend the workers before an impartial court," declared Wirin. "I never dreamed that I would be prevented from addressing the workers at their meeting in Brawley, especially when I was armed with an injunction secured from a federal court. I thought every one would respect the courts, especially the so-called one hundred percent white Nordics who use the flag of the nation in their dominancy of the Valley. I now see I was wrong and that I have another guess coming."

The story of Wirin's experiences at the hands of his captors in the recent kidnapping outrage at Brawley has been so distorted and misrepresented by the capitalist press of the state that it is well for the truth to be set forth by the Western Worker. What Wirin experienced is what many workers have experienced and is what millions more will experience if the workers permit this country to go completely Fascist. It is not that the majority of poor whites in the Imperial Valley endorse the treatment accorded Wirin by the county and state officials and their confederates, picked members of the American Legion, for they do not. A quiet investigation since the outrage disclose the fact that the large numbers of poor whites in and around Brawley and El Centro are opposed to the high-handed activities of local and state officialdom, but they are intimidated into silence.

#### Decide for Meeting

Following the arrest and imprisonment of the organizers of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, and especially after the smashing up of the organizational meeting in Azteca Hall in Brawley, another meeting in the same hall was decided upon by the American Civil Liberties Union in order to test whether or not Imperial Valley was still a part of the United States. In the course of the let-

tuce workers strike, two hundred members of the Union had been jailed; union meetings of any character were forbidden, as was also picketing; automobiles coming into the Valley were stopped and searched by the state highway patrol; and hell generally prevailed.

"All right," said Attorney Wirin, "we will hold a meeting in Brawley under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union, and we will secure a federal injunction restraining any and everybody from interfering with the meeting." Azteca Hall was engaged and an injunction obtained from Federal Judge Kerrigan in San Diego. Armed with this writ, Wirin proceeded to the Valley where he served notice of the writ upon the principal law enforcement officers. These officers were responsible for the breaking up of the previous meeting. A copy of the writ was nailed to the front door of Azteca Hall.

#### Many Notables

Besides Wirin, there came to the Valley to take part in the meeting: Miss Helen Marston, daughter of the San Diego department store king, who is noted for her liberal tendencies. Also there came from Los Angeles Rev. Beverly L. Oaten, Congressional minister and field secretary for the Student Young Men's Christian Association; James Hardwick, national field secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, with headquarters in Chicago; and Chester Williams, university graduate who is interested in social settlement work in Los Angeles.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 23 several thousand workers assembled at Azteca Hall without molestation. Rev. Oaten, Rev. Eyemann of Calipatria, Chester Williams and James Hardwick repaired to the hall to await the arrival of Wirin who was to act as chairman and be the principal speaker. After waiting until everybody was growing restless, the speaker visitors opened the meeting and made speeches. When all had spoken, the meeting adjourned with everyone wondering what had become of Wirin. At no time was his name mentioned. It was orderly, as all workingclass meetings until officers of the law interpose their authority by inaugurating force and violence.

#### At Planters Hotel

Meanwhile, at the Planters Hotel, in another part of Brawley, quite a different drama was being enacted. About 7:15 o'clock Attorney Wirin, Miss Marston, Attorney Grover C. Johnson and his wife, and Attorney Sokol of Los Angeles were eating dinner. Wirin had put in a call for E. Raymond Cato, chief of the state motorcycle police, with the view of requesting that he protect the meeting from possible interference. When his name was passed, he arose and went into the hotel lobby, thinking Cato had arrived. As soon as he reached the center of the lobby he was surrounded by a gang of thirty armed men who seized him, threw a heavy cloth over his head, and with blows shoved him forward to the sidewalk where he was picked up and thrown into the rear tonneau of a big automobile. Reciting his experiences, Wirin said:

"I was beaten over the head with clubs and kicked in the rear as I was shoved forward into the automobile. In the auto I was 'forced' to the floor of the tonneau and held there by means of a heavy foot of my neck. I could scarcely breathe. When I tried to move my head to a better position I was hit with clubs. A motorcycle officer cleared the way for the auto as it left the hotel. I was driven some distance before the car stopped. Then I was taken out, beaten severely, cursed, had my hands tied behind my back with my own suspenders, and thrown to the ground blindfolded and face

down. A fire was made ready, and I could overhear my captors asking each other if the branding irons were sufficiently hot. Then, instead of burning me, it was suggested that I be drowned. Thereupon I was thrown back into the car and we started off. I was told I was going to be taken into Old Mexico where I would be given the 'works' before being killed.

#### Federal Injunction Useless

"During the ride I was hit with clubs and taunted. 'So you thought you were going to speak at that meeting tonight, did you? You thought that federal injunction would protect you. Well, it won't do you any good here. Next time you come here you had better provide yourself with something more powerful than a federal injunction. See?'"

"Finally, the auto stopped in a place which I supposed to be in Old Mexico, and again I was ordered out. This time my shoes were taken from my feet, my wrist watch was smashed, my nurse with nearly \$30 taken, my fountain pen and all my private papers and cards confiscated. I was ordered to lie on the ground and remain there five minutes before arising. Before leaving me to my fate, I was warned with horrible oaths that inasmuch as I was not to be killed, I must immediately get out of Imperial Valley, and stay out on pain of torture and death if I returned. My tormentors said that the reason they would not kill me this time was that they wanted me to get out and tell all other lawyers who desired to defend workers on strike in the Imperial Valley that they had better change their minds, or they also said I could tell labor organizers the same thing.

#### Sheriff "Obliging"

"When I realized I was alone, I got up and walked down the desert road two miles before I was picked up by a man driving a truck. This man drove me to Calipatria nine miles distant. By accident or design I was met at Calipatria by Deputy Sheriff J. Holmes who escorted me to a doctors' office where I had my wounds dressed. Later, at my request, Holmes drove me to El Centro and to the Barbara Worth Hotel where I had a room. To avoid being seen I entered the rear door and made my way to my room on the third floor.

"Following my arrival in the hotel I heard a loud noise on the streets. In a few moments Chester Williams, who had spoken at the Brawley meeting, entered my room and said that several hundred armed men, many of them drunk, had surrounded the building and were demanding my whereabouts. Directly Deputy Sheriff Gillette, son of the sheriff, and a man by the name of Raleigh, reputed American Legionnaire, came into my room with the declaration that unless I arbitrated with the mob I would surely be killed. I agreed to arbitrate, which meant simply that I would leave the Valley and not return.

"My descent to the hotel lobby was a matter of state. Clad in my red dressing slippers and a robe I was escorted by probably a score of armed officers and Legionnaires down the stairs and through a gauntlet of fashionably dressed revelers who hurled epithets at me as I passed. I was taken to a waiting auto and driven away. My associates from Los Angeles, who also had been detained, were placed in other automobiles, and a procession was formed. A state patrol car led the procession, and toward San Diego we went at a speed which at times exceeded sixty miles an

hour through the worst sandstorm I ever saw. As we sped through the night, the car was being followed by a Legionnaire officer and Legionnaires whizzed past us at an incredible rate of speed. As they passed they threw their flashlights on us and menaced us with their guns. The yelling of the officers and their Legion confederates was louder than the noise of the storm. At the county line the procession stopped, all the cars except the ones containing myself and my associates turned about and headed back toward El Centro, while we proceeded on to San Diego."

#### Others Outraged

Attorney Wirin was not the only man outraged that night. All of the Y. M. C. A. leaders who came from Los Angeles were subjected to indignities which at times threatened to develop into a tragedy. Said one of them: "When Attorney Wirin failed to show up at the hall in Brawley, we set out to discover his whereabouts. The sheriff was evasive when we questioned him. About 10 o'clock that night we were informed that Wirin had been located in Calipatria and that he was on his way to El Centro. To El Centro we went, and to the Barbara Worth Hotel. When we arrived at the hotel we saw the streets filled with armed men. We started to enter the hotel, but were ordered by the men to stay outside. It was plain that we were regarded with suspicion. After a brief season we were approached and questioned as to who we were. All of us showed our papers and identification cards, but that failed to satisfy them. Suddenly we were ordered to stick our hands high into the air above our heads. I guess I held my hands up twenty minutes while I and my friends were searched."

"When it was learned that we were the speakers at the meeting in Brawley, the men who had us under virtual arrest became very menacing in their attitude. At one time I counted twenty-five revolvers leveled at me, many of which were cocked ready to fire. I was actually afraid that some of the drunken brutes would kill us. One drunken man poked his revolver against my stomach and threatened to end my life then and there. However, all of us kept our heads down and refused to make angry replies to the challenging questions hurled at us. Each of us were searched several times by different officials. At one time a state motorcycle policeman would search us, and the next deputy sheriff would repeat the performance. When some papers were pulled from my pockets, the officer yelled out that he had unearthed some Communist literature. He asked me how many of these papers I had in my possession. I told him that the papers were religious literature, not Communist propaganda, but he refused to believe me.

#### Shocking Experience

"At last we were put into automobiles and escorted swiftly out of the Valley. When we got to the county line I learned that Wirin was in one of the cars. I would have been glad to see him through the war in the Canadian contingent, and I experienced many bloody battles, but never have I seen a situation as repulsive with brutality and sheer inexcusable stupidity as that which I went up against in Imperial Valley. If those police officers and American Legionnaires are the type of men into whose tender keeping will be placed the responsibility for future law and order, may God have mercy on our souls!"

When Attorney Wirin returned to Los Angeles, he immediately brought suit in the Los Angeles superior court for \$250,000. He named as defendants Governor James Rolph, who publicly justified the lynching at San Jose, thereby establishing a precedent for the Imperial Valley outrage; Capt. W. F. Hynes of the Los Angeles red squad who for ten days has been in the Valley helping to direct activi-

ties against the striking workers; E. Raymond Cato, chief of the state highway patrol; Harry Oswalt, one of Cato's men; Lon Cromer, Brawley's chief of police; and twenty-five persons named only as John Does. He also conferred with Pierson M. Hall, U. S. district attorney, relative to an investigation of the outrage.

In response to an urgent message wired by several Los Angeles celebrities it was declared that President Roosevelt had ordered a federal investigation of the Imperial Valley affair. How much good Wirin's suit for damages will do and what will result from the federal investigation are matters which it is hard to speculate. The workers know they have only one course to pursue, and that is to continue their work of agitation and organization, regardless of arrests and imprisonment, until all workers in Imperial Valley and elsewhere are united in one revolutionary class-conscious movement that will not stop its forward march until they have won the power that will give them ownership and control.

#### Soft Soap

The desired effect is attained. The reader is horrified. He turns the page and a headline that sums up his impressions greets his eyes: "War, brutal, futile, stupid." This, by the way, was uttered by the gracious Mrs. Roosevelt, who advises starving girls not to worry and whose husband has embarked upon a program of war expenditures unprecedented in the history of the world.

Two cartoons follow. One depicts Mars reaping human lives, the other a South American spider sucking the blood of a helpless bird. The title is "War is part of all animal life, from spider to man, from beginning to now."

Hearst and his lickspittles are voicing here the stale capitalist argument: you cannot change human nature. There must always be war. It is a natural human function that in order to live, man must spill the blood of his fellow-man, even as the spider kills the bird.

This "parallel," of course, cannot stand the light of day.

There isn't any need for man to resort to war in order to live, providing the means of production are in the hands of the actual producers themselves and not the parasites. Then these means will be used to make things for USE and not for PROFIT. For it is this greed for profit derived from foreign trade and colonial exploitation that causes the parasites to stage imperialist wars.

International wars then are not NATURAL; they are definitely UNNATURAL and are the direct results of the economic system under which workers live in all capitalist countries.

It was the degenerate bourgeoisie the world over that reaped a harvest of billions of dollars, while workers and peasants murdered each other in "a war to end war," "for democracy," "for God and Kaiser."

But Hearst keeps mum about this. He does not lose sight of his objective.

#### Logic of Pacifism

His reader is in a receptive mood now. He is fatalistic as to the inevitability of war. He believes Hearst is as pacific as a cherub playing a harp and is prepared to read the editorial.

## BIG PETE GETS RICH

Big Pete clucked his pretty 17-year-old "book-keeper" under her chin and laughed. "Happy days are here again, last year when hops were bringing from 16 to 20 cents a pound, I cleared \$40,000. This year I am getting 80 cents a pound, if I don't clear a hundred grand my name isn't Pete."

Many farm workers in northern California know Big Pete. If you don't know him, here is a little description of him. Big Pete is 6 feet 4 inches tall, he weighs about 300 pounds, owns a 200-acre hop and prune ranch near Santa Rosa. Big Pete also owns a prosperous insurance business in Santa Rosa, he is a director in a Santa Rosa bank, and welcomes you "if you have money" at the door of a Santa Rosa church every Sunday morning.

#### But Not the Workers

Big Pete has reasons to believe that the happy days are here again, but let us see how his workers fare. Big Pete has 350 workers picking hops and prunes. He paid them less than when he was getting 16 to 20 cents a pound for his hops. The average worker received .25 a day for 12 hours work in the field. These figures were given to me by the kiln boss who checked the weights. Hop pickers received one cent a pound for picking hops, Big Pete received 80 cents a pound for his hops.

Many of Big Pete's workers were children, some of them not more than 3 or 4 years old. These children stood out in the blazing sun all day and picked up the hops which fell on the ground, because Big Pete would fire any worker who let any

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#### Pearranged Plan

Unquestionably Wirin is right in his contention that a collusion, if not an outright conspiracy, exists between Governor Rolph, the state motor patrol department, certain Los Angeles and Imperial County officials, and certain business men of the state in their determination to stamp out radical labor organiza-

tion and end Communist propaganda. To these factors should be added the owners and editors of the Los Angeles Times. For in many of the Imperial Valley editions of that paper direct incitations to mob violence against the members of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union were published.

Just about the time when the reader's mind seeks a solution and asks "how shall we prevent war?" the paid tool brings out this patridish dish: "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

Ah, so that's it! Yes, "Build the greatest air fleet, double that of any other nation, experiment with better and better air machines, more effective and deadly gases, more terrific explosives."

Some will shudder at the suggestions of more efficient war methods. . . . they need not shudder. . . . they will remember that such war equipment in the hands of THIS NATION would be an agency for world peace."

This stuff is then followed by a page of threatening quotations from the speeches of Japanese imperialists with a photograph of a Japanese admiral thrown in for good measure.

Presto, the goose is cooked. War is bad—peace is good, but to have peace we must have war. Such is the "logic" of bourgeois scam.

Armaments as an agency of world peace in the hands of "this nation" (the Morgans, Duponts, Rockefellers, Mellons)?

#### At Expense of Workers

Not so you can notice it. In the hands of the bourgeoisie, no matter of what country, armaments must become an agency of war and destruction because capitalists of every nation have an identical aim: to preserve their parasitic status through ever greater profits at each other's expense, but AT ANY COST at the expense of the proletariat.

Only in the hands of the workers and peasants, as in the Soviet Union, can armaments serve the cause of world peace, for then they are only used against the encroaching capitalist robbers, i. e. in self-defense, and not for imperialist conquest.

Only when the armed proletariat in every land, trained for an imperialist slaughter, turns about face and liberates the bourgeoisie from the face of this earth, can the horrors of war be ended. Only then, when the world peace reigns supremely.

No, Mr. Hearst, you are still the same rabid jingo. The historical mission of your class is drawing to an ignominious end.

hops stay on the ground. The sanitary conditions in Big Pete's hops were almost unbearable. I have traveled in the tropics, but I have never been in a place which smelled worse than the workers camp. Two toilets for 350 workers, these toilets were so filthy that many of the toilets became contaminated and children could not use them. When a complaint was made, Big Pete said he would pay any worker 25 cents a day to keep the toilets clean. There were no offers, so the filth continued. The water supply which was used in the toilets became contaminated and half of the workers contracted dysentery. A sample of the water was taken to the Bureau of Public Health in Santa Rosa, but no action was taken due to Big Pete's influence in that city.

#### And "Respectable" Too

I mentioned Big Pete's pretty 17-year-old book-keeper. This young lady came home one morning in an intoxicated condition and her father applied a box shoo-k paddle where it would do the most good. Big Pete's foreman saw this and beat her father into insensibility. Big Pete then swore out a warrant for the girl's father and he was forced to skip the county. It was never definitely learned who took this young lady out, got her drunk and brought her back the next morning, but some of the workers had a pretty good idea.

Big Pete won't fare so well this coming season, farm workers in Sonoma County have "got his number", and he can expect a committee of workers to call on him and demand a living wage and sanitary camp conditions.

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